



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Brian Arnold  
Serial No. : 09/869,451  
Filed : June 27, 2001  
Title : SHOE STIFFENER, MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR MAKING SAME  
AND METHOD OF INCORPORATING A SHOE STIFFENER INTO A SHOE  
UPPER COMPONENT

Art Unit : 1772  
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